

Readings for w.b . 8th December *2nd Week of Advent*



Monday 8th December

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.'

(Gospel from Monday 8th December)

Liturgical Year

Monday 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 10th December: Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday 11th December: St Damascus I, Pope

Friday 12th December: Our Lady of Guadalupe *(please see slide 2 for further information)*



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe is a special name for **Mary, the Mother of Jesus**. She appeared in **Mexico** in **1531** to a kind man named **Juan Diego**.

Mary asked Juan Diego to tell the Bishop to **build a church** where people could pray. The Bishop wanted a sign, so Mary told Juan Diego to gather **roses**, even though it was winter. When he opened his cloak to show the Bishop, the roses fell out and a **beautiful picture of Mary** appeared on the cloth. This picture still exists today.

Mary came to remind everyone that **God loves and cares for all people**, especially the poor.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict



Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Prayer and reflection

Let us reflect on how we can put our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity and Peace into practice and become peacemakers in our community.



Jubilee Prayer for schools

God, our loving Father,
In this Jubilee year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee year,
you remind us of our call to love our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.



Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to
grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in
others,
and to be united as God's global family.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen



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